GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SALE OF MEDICINES BY GROCERS VENDORS
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for selling of medicines by grocers and vendors with authorised medical prescription;

(b) whether the Government proposes for registration of grocers and vendors for selling medicines without prescription;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) Grocers and Vendors are not authorized to sell or dispense medicines on medical prescription.Only Chemists or Druggists licenced under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules are authorized to dispense medicines on medical prescription.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

(c) & (d) Does not arise.